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### **DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ANNOUNCES BROWNFIELDS REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT PROPOSAL**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is seeking public comments on a grant proposal being submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to assist with Brownfields revitalization activities throughout the state. The grants are part of the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act to help states and communities assess and clean up Brownfields sites. Brownfields sites are defined as "...real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

DTSC is applying as the primary grant recipient for a \$3 million revolving fund loan (RLF) grant as a coalition partner with the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco to address brownfields sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. The program is designed to provide funding to eligible sites within the state and provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities and return properties to productive use. Subgrants are restricted to \$200,000 for each site.

DTSC, in partnership with the California State Rural Health Association, will target a portion of the funds on rural communities impacted by brownfields sites. U.S. EPA's deadline for submission of assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan fund (RLF) grant proposals for the federal 2006 fiscal year budget is December 14, 2005.

The public may provide comments to the draft proposal. A hard copy of the draft proposal may be obtained by contacting Megan Cambridge at (916) 255-3727 or by e-mail [MCambrid@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:MCambrid@dtsc.ca.gov). For more information on U.S. EPA's Brownfields Program or to obtain a copy online of the "Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants" please refer to [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pg/guidelines\\_2005\\_toc\\_fy05.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/pg/guidelines_2005_toc_fy05.htm)

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